

HOUSE RESOLUTION 4

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Anna Kate Jolly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those young people who, through their extraordinary efforts and positive outlook, have distinguished themselves as outstanding citizens and future leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Anna Kate Jolly, a young woman who, in the face of great physical adversity, has exhibited courage and tenacity to become a runway model and an advocate for youth diagnosed with epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, born on June 5, 2004, Ms. Jolly was diagnosed with idiopathic generalized epilepsy at the age of two, was educated under the Hamilton County Department of Education's 504 program, and will graduate from Silverdale Baptist Academy's Impact Program in May 2023; and

WHEREAS, due to her seizure activity over the past sixteen years, Anna Kate's short-term memory has been erased several times, resulting in her losing much of what she has been taught in school, year after year; in addition to epilepsy, she is legally blind in her right eye and has functional neurological disorder, as well as several other medical issues; and

WHEREAS, Anna Kate Jolly is not hesitant about discussing epilepsy with her peers, organizations, or the media; she was recently selected by the Epilepsy Foundation of America to participate in its 2023 Teens Speak Up program and will be attending its annual training conference in February 2023 in Washington, D.C., as an advocate for public policy concerning youth epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, refusing to let her disabilities define her, Ms. Jolly has become a runway model for several international fashion designers and is regularly selected for photoshoots by one of the largest New York modeling agencies in the United States, Supermodels Unlimited; she was also a QVC eye makeup model for Belle Beauty products in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Anna Kate Jolly's many runway appearances include New York Fashion Week, February 2019 and 2022; Orlando Fashion Week, July 2021; Disney Fashion Parade, December 2021 and 2022; and Supermodel Unlimited Hollywood, Fall 2021; and

WHEREAS, in Fall 2023, she will appear in Paris Fashion Week and be featured on individual billboards in New York City's Times Square; and

WHEREAS, her many Supermodel Unlimited photoshoots encompass a host of locales, including Gatlinburg, Fall 2020; Folly Beach, South Carolina, Spring 2020; Nashville, Spring 2021; Asheville, North Carolina, Summer 2021; Hollywood, California, Fall 2021; Fort Lauderdale Beach, Florida, Spring 2022; Miami, Florida, Summer 2022; and the Versace Mansion in Miami, Florida, in Spring 2023; and

WHEREAS, very knowledgeable about facial products and their use, Ms. Jolly hopes to become an aesthetician, believing strongly that her physical disabilities should not prevent her path to licensure; and

WHEREAS, Anna Kate Jolly is one of Tennessee's most noteworthy citizens, and her remarkable resilience and dedication to excellence are clearly deserving of our respect and admiration; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commend and honor Anna Kate Jolly upon her many accomplishments as a runway model and an advocate for youth diagnosed with epilepsy and extend to her our best wishes for much continued happiness and success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.